

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ROCK HILL DIVISION**

John Dunbar, Trisal Leasing, Co., Inc. and
Mitchell Mail Service,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Jimmy Gardner and Sexton Farms,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 0:19-cv-02685-JMC

CONSENT CONSOLIDATION ORDER

Sexton Farms, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Pat Salmon & Sons, Inc.,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 0:19-cv-03325-JMC

CONSENT CONSOLIDATION ORDER

This matter comes before the court upon the consent of all parties to consolidate the two above-named actions for discovery purposes pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.¹ (*See* ECF No. 34 (0:19-cv-02685-JMC); ECF No. 22 (0:19-cv-03325-JMC).)

Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that where actions “involve a common question of law or fact, the court may: (1) join for hearing or trial any or all matters at issue in the actions; (2) consolidate the actions; or (3) issue any other orders to avoid unnecessary cost or delay.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a). Upon its consideration, the court is persuaded by the parties that the instant cases involve common questions of law and fact and their consolidation for

¹ The parties reserve the right to later move for consolidation of the actions for all purposes, including trial.

discovery purposes will promote judicial economy. Therefore, the court **GRANTS** the parties' Joint Motion to Consolidate and consolidates the civil actions referenced herein for discovery purposes. (ECF No. 34 (0:19-cv-02685-JMC); ECF No. 22 (0:19-cv-03325-JMC).)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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United States District Judge

February 10, 2020
Columbia, South Carolina

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